

Gallaudet Fact—Quiz Corner

Gallaudet's campus is full of activity this summer. Below are just a few of these. Can you match the name of each program or event with the clue that describes it?

Summer Activities

- 1) 2006 Pan American Deaf Youth Games
- 2) Summit 2006
- 3) The Gallaudet Leadership Institute
- 4) ASL, Deaf Culture, and Cancer Control Program
- 5) ASL Fest
- 6) New Signer's Program
- 7) Young Scholars Program

Clues

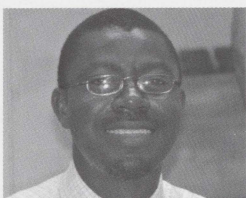
- A) Features educational workshops, activities, interactive situations, and a performance by an ASL storyteller.
- B) Open to incoming freshmen and transfer students at Gallaudet.
- C) The fourth occurrence of an event for deaf youth with activities at Gallaudet and around Washington, D.C.
- D) An opportunity for deaf and hard of hearing high school students to develop leadership skills.
- E) Students from the University of California, San Diego, participate in ASL immersion experiences on Gallaudet's campus for four weeks each summer.
- F) Offers gifted deaf and hard of hearing teens adventures in digital media, leadership, or learning ASL.
- G) An entity that offers programs in the summer and throughout the year to improve the quality of the personal and professional lives of deaf and hard of hearing people.

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Participants in the Digital Media Camp gained hands-on experience in state-of-the-art technology while learning about two of Washington, D.C.'s most famous clock towers—Gallaudet's and Howard University's. The July 9 to 21 camp—one of the offerings in this summer's Young Scholars' Program—was coordinated by Art Department faculty members Scott Carollo and Amy Stevens, with assistance from Marina Dzougoutov, president's fellow, and Mike Nesmith, a Gallaudet student majoring in digital media. Under their guidance, 13 deaf and hard of hearing high school students from across the U.S. and Canada used cameras and computers to research the landmarks. On the final day, they premiered a movie, a poster, and a magazine cover that showcased their achievements in digital media. Here (from left), Chrissy Christenson (Delavan, Wis.), Lorne Farovitch (Tuscon, Ariz.), Carollo, and David Torrance (Minola, N.Y.) record a scene on the Tower Clock staircase in Chapel Hall.

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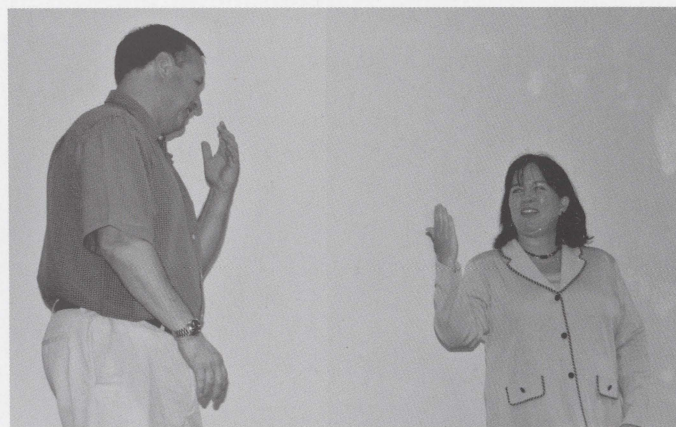
Christian Burke celebrates five years of service to Gallaudet in the Admissions Office.

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The Gallaudet Leadership Institute's (GLI) summer programs included a July 10 to 14 Language Planning and Leadership Seminar led by Dr. Stephen Nover, director of the Center for ASL/English Bilingual Education Research at the New Mexico School for the Deaf. Here, Dr. Jane Fernandes, president designate, pictured with Dr. Joseph Innes, Graduate School associate dean and GLI director, greets deaf and hard of hearing professionals attending the program. Fernandes commended the group for its efforts to invest in the future of the deaf community. She stressed the importance for educators to demonstrate to deaf and hard of hearing children and their parents the mutual benefit of developing learning skills through ASL and English. Fernandes also talked about the Young Scholars Program's Digital MediaCamp, held July 9 to 21, which gives talented and gifted deaf and hard of hearing teenagers hands-on experience in state-of-the-art technology, as another way that Gallaudet is helping to develop important skills in future leaders in the deaf community. Innes remarked that Fernandes was actively involved in the decision to establish GLI, and also gave the green light for Gallaudet to host the Conference of Educational Administrators of Schools and Programs for the Deaf in May 2007. This summer, more than 90 deaf and hard of hearing professionals will come to campus to develop leadership skills in one of six GLI programs. Most of these programs are in their third year. One, Consumer Family Community Advocacy, is in its fourth year, and one, the Deaf Women's Leadership Program, is new for 2006.



Clerc Center seeks educators, parents for stakeholder meetings

The Clerc Center is hosting a series of stakeholder meetings to solicit input from family members, educators, and administrators on its current initiatives and on plans for future work. The first meeting will be held November 6 and 7 at the Clerc Center; the second meeting will be held next summer in Massachusetts.

"To ensure that the Clerc Center offers initiatives that promote the highest levels of student achievement for deaf and hard of hearing students, it is crucial that we receive ongoing input from families, educators, and administrators about what they need to achieve that end," said Clerc Center Dean Katherine Jankowski. "We must work together to raise student achievement levels and to ensure deaf students are achieving on or above the levels of their hearing peers, especially in the era of No Child Left Behind."

Individuals who are interested in participating in a stakeholder meeting can complete a participant interest form at: clerccenter.gallaudet.edu/stakeholder/form.asp.

Travel and accommodation expenses will be covered by the Clerc Center. The deadline for receiving interest forms for the November meeting is September 7. There is a limit of 20 participants per stakeholder meeting.

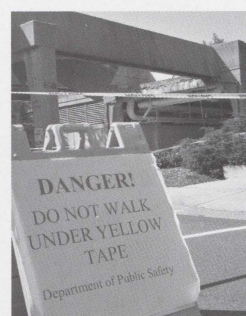
"We appreciate your support. If you know other professionals in the field or family members who could provide critical feedback, please share this information with them and encourage them to complete an interest form," said Dr. Jankowski.

Among Ourselves

Dr. Martha Sheridan, associate professor in the Department of Social Work, and Dr. Stephen Weiner, associate professor in the Department of Communication Studies, were keynote speakers at Breakout IX: National Mental Health and Deafness Conference: Cultivating Recovery, held in Columbus, Ohio, June 14-19. The conference focused on the implementation of the recovery model in mental health services for deaf, hard of hearing, and deaf-blind consumers, which stems from President George W. Bush's President's New Freedom Commission on Mental Health. Sheridan's presentation, "Encouraging the Dream," addressed the progression of mental health services for deaf consumers, the importance of consumer participation in systems transformation and recovery, and the strengths and resources that consumers bring to the process. Weiner's presentation, "A Journey: Personal and Professional Odyssey," emphasized the importance of personal and professional support and resources for families in the recovery process. Also at the conference, Sheridan was honored with the 2006 award for Special Contributions to the Mental Health and Deafness field in Ohio for her work there prior to coming to Gallaudet, and for her continued contributions.



Anita Marchitelli, associate professor in the Department of Physical Education and Recreation and director of the Children's Instructional Summer Program (CISP), leads camper Angela Rogers during a day of pony rides and ice cream on June 14. CISP, which was established in 1968, is offered for six weeks and brings together deaf and hearing children in an educational signing environment.



A heat wave that blanketed the region is the culprit in the partial collapse of the Hanson Plaza footbridge on July 17. The extreme temperature caused part of the bridge's concrete to expand, buckle, and eventually fall. A member of the Physical Plant Department (PPD) staff detected a small amount of

fallen concrete under the Hanson Plaza footbridge and immediately alerted the Department of Public Safety, which cordoned off the area to all pedestrian and vehicle traffic. At the same time, a structural engineer was called to the scene. The engineer confirmed that the bridge was unsafe, and shortly after his evaluation a large section of the bridge collapsed onto the road below. Fortunately, and thanks to the quick thinking of the PPD staff person, no one was injured. PPD hired a firm to shore up the portion of the bridge that did not collapse and repair the section that did. A professional structural engineering firm will conduct a thorough examination of Hanson Plaza, including the tunnel and adjacent parking areas, and make recommendations to the University based on the results of that examination. In addition, senior facilities managers are surveying the campus' other garages and similar structures to determine if any show signs of heat-induced deterioration.

Roving Reporter

The word "Deafhood," coined by author Paddy Ladd, has recently become a hot topic in the deaf community. What does Deafhood mean to you?



The word Deafhood as it appears to me means (generally) arriving at a stage in life where one can be considered a member of the deaf community or society; a collective word for all people who have attained all the necessary skills to live and function effectively in a deaf world.

Debo Ogunjirin, president's fellow, Department of Biology



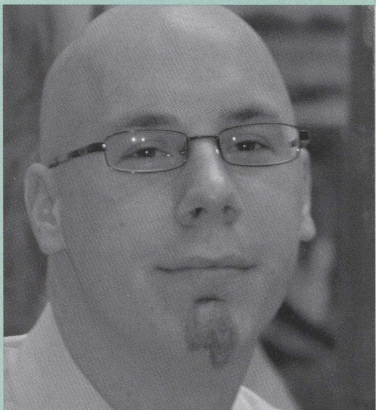
Deafhood, the way Paddy Ladd presents the concept in his book, [Understanding Deaf Culture: In Search of Deafhood] helps us understand Deaf culture better and gives us an insight on oppression and audism.

Dr. M.J. Bienvenu, chair, Department of ASL and Deaf Studies



This is the first time I've heard the word. I assume it is related to identifying oneself as being culturally deaf or not. With the recent events on campus, this seems to be an important concept. Perhaps a community discussion should be held on the term.

Jacqueline Lally, e-Learning facilitator, Academic Technology



Deafhood as I know it is my childhood memories... The warmth. The feeling of family, true family.

Bobby Loeffler, interpreter, Gallaudet Interpreting Service

Personnel Notes

Service awards for June

Five years: Karen Kinsler, driver, Transportation; Nelson Llerena, lead worker, Custodial Services; Ross Mitchell, research scientist II, Gallaudet Research Institute; Pamela Mower, employer recruiter, Career Center; Lisa Rose, coordinator of residence education, Residence Life; Zeshan Shafiq, webmaster and desktop publisher, Summer and Enrichment Programs; Valencia Simmons, marketing assistant, Gallaudet Press

Fifteen years: Linda Kozma-Spytek, research associate, Technology Access Program

Twenty years: Denise Hanlon, administrative assistant, Office of Planning

Twenty-five years: Robert Johnson, professor, Department of Linguistics; Brenda Keller, supervisor of student services, Postal Services; Susanne Scott, outreach specialist, Cochlear Implant Education Center

Thirty years: Norman Ingram, carpenter, Maintenance Services; Marypat Wilson, audiologist, Audiology

Thirty-five years: Hank Young, coordinator of graduate admissions, Graduate School

New employees hired in June

Ronnell Brown, driver, Transportation; Brianne Burger, grants specialist, ED/Rehabilitation Engineering Research Center on Hearing Enhancement, Hearing, Speech, and Language Sciences; Azalea Davis, administrative secretary/scheduler, Gallaudet Interpreting Service; Audrey Neely, driver, Transportation; Julie Verhoff, research audiologist, ED/Rehabilitation Engineering Research Center on Hearing Enhancement, Hearing, Speech, and Language Sciences

Promotions in June

Respicus Batamula, Data Center manager, Information Technology Service; Karen Inman, secretary, Athletics

Retirement in June

Mary Arcari, Social Work

Ask Aunt Sophie

Dear Aunt Sophie, Have you ever considered starting your own blog? Considering how much you like to go on and on about any and every topic, I think you are the perfect blog type. You should have your own website, too.

Wired Wiz

Dear WW, Let's get one thing straight here and now: henceforth, you will not refer to Aunty as "the perfect blog type." Granted, I am a prodigious and astute observer of—and commentator upon—the human condition. But my pearls of wisdom are intended only for those who inhabit our little island of academic bliss, not just any old Internet-addicted soul looking for a shot of "ether advice." Unless, of course, I am forced to change

my mind due to pressure from adoring fans who insist that I share my gifts with the world beyond Kendall Green. What say you, adoring fans? Do you think the addition of an Aunty website and blog on the Internet will in any way, shape, or form help bring about, say, the Age of Aquarius when "peace will guide the planets and love will steer the stars?" I await your counsel: aunt.sophie@gallaudet.edu.



Christian Burke, technical support specialist, is recognized for five years of service to the University by Admissions Director Charity Reedy Hines.

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Answers 1=C; 2=D; 3=G; 4=E; 5=A; 6=B; 7=F

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